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THE LORD KNOWETH THEM THAT ARE HIS

BENEATH THIS STONE RESTS THE BODY
OF A BRITISH WARRIOR
UNKNOWN BY NAME OR RANK
BROUGHT FROM FRANCE TO LIE AMONG
THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS OF THE LAND
AND BURIED HERE ON ARMISTICE DAY
11 NOVEMBER, 1920, IN THE PRESENCE OF
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AND A VAST CONCOURSE OF THE NATION

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FOR THE SACRED CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND
THE FREEDOM OF THE WORLD

THEY BURIED HIM AMONG THE KINGS BECAUSE HE
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THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR.

On the cover page is given the words of the beautiful inscription on the grave of the Unknown Warrior who lies in Westminster Abbey.

On the nearest column in the Abbey, close by the grave, is suspended the Ypres flag which was carried in France during the war, and for the first year rested on the grave.

Hanging below it is the Congressional Medal bestowed by the United States Government on the Unknown Warrior.

At one time a proposal was made to entomb the body of an Unknown Canadian Soldier beneath the Main Tower of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. This suggestion evoked some thoroughly well founded criticism. The proposal was at once redundant and discordant. The Unknown dead of Canada are not unhonoured. To them and to their deeds, no less than to the unknown dead of the British Isles, Australia, or the most distant corner of the British Empire a grave was dedicated in Westminster Abbey on November 11th, 1920.

The soldier who lies in that great Valhalla of the British race, among the mighty dead of ages, is at once a Canadian and an Australian, a Private of New Zealand, of Africa, of Scotland, and of the Shires and Cities of England, he may in very fact have worn the Maple Leaf of the Dominion and have gone from a Canadian home.

The solemn ceremony at Westminster, on that Armistice Day, had that splendid theory as its foundation and its inspiration.

To remember the Dominion's dead by local ceremonies on Armistice Day is a proper and desirable thing, but the suggestion, of burying an Unknown Canadian at Ottawa, would violate the spirit and negative the grand idea of unity in service and sacrifice which is expressed by the stone

at Westminster Abbey. We could not enshrine a memorial to a Canadian Unknown Soldier in Canada without forfeiting our right of equal ownership in the tomb at Westminster where the Unknown Soldier dwells forever more with the Immortals of the Abbey.

ARMISTICE DAY

By such ceremonies as are witnessed on the 11th. hour of the 11th. day of the 11th. month—during the two minutes silence—a silence in which men and women search their consciences and gravely question their own worthiness, a silence in which human emotions explore the heights and deeps alike—Is the Empire fortified in body and spirit, and its soul exalted.

Its thoughts are turned from dross and enters into sweet and intimate communion with the Infinite.

The whole Empire stands still, to do homage—not to earthly clay—but, to the souls of men. In the sweep of centuries it remains transcendent; systems may rise, dynasties may fall and civilizations may have their day, but the soul goes marching on indomitably, ever refreshing itself at the fountains of invincible courage.

No pilgrimage of men and women was ever more truly charged with ardent religious spirit than the vast gatherings which assemble on this day to pay homage to the Gallant Dead: crowds upon whose faces anxious sorrow is written, a multitude of breaved, whose minds are crowded with images of precious remembrances.

It is well, therefore, that once a year we recall not only our heroic dead, but reiterate once more our convictions of the justice of the cause for which such sacrifices were made. A generation is rapidly growing up to whom the war is but a hazy memory. They must be taught afresh from year

to year not only of the valour of our soldiers and sailors, for of this there is no dispute, but of the fact that at the Empire's call Canada plunged into a struggle and never looked back until victory had been achieved and that were the call to come again for the same cause the Dominion would again come forward.

WITH "A" SQN. ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS ON "ARMISTICE DAY 1918."

Six years have elapsed since the memorable event in 1918 that terminated the Great Conflict and as there are very few at this station who were with "A" Squadron on that occasion, it might be a matter of interest to the present personnel of "the Squadron" to know the part played by their confreres in Belgium, on November 11th, 1918.

Although rumours of an impending cessation of hostilities had been passed around the day before, it came as a great surprise to most of us, when we were officially told that "Cease Fire" would be sounded at 11 a.m. and that we were to remain where we were at that hour. This information was handed to Squadron Commanders at Eight O'clock in the morning as the Regiment was marching to its appointed rendez-vous. We were with the 3rd Cavalry Division at the time and the latter was to act as Advance Guard to the Infantry Corps, which we were operating with. "A" Squadron was detailed as left Flank Guard to the Division, with orders to push up the Tournai-Brussels Road with all possible speed but to halt at eleven o'clock and await further instructions.

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as Advance Guard through Leuze along the main highway to Ath. Nobody in the Squadron knew just how far the Hun had gone back and every one was anxious to get a last crack at him before it was too late. The Road was crowded with carts of all descriptions, loaded with every conceivable article of furniture that could be packed on and it was a sight never to be forgotten. Streams of refugees from the occupied areas were marching back to meet the troops, singing and playing all manner of weird instruments of which the mouth organ appeared the most popular. Now and again we passed small groups of Infantry who had held the Outpost Line the night before and they waived a cheery greeting as we trooped past at what I am afraid was a trifle over the regulation 8 miles per hour. At Ath the bridge was partially destroyed and we got a glimpse of the tragedy of War, when two dead Belgian Soldiers still tightly gripping their Mit-trailleuse, had to be moved off the road to allow our horses to pass.

Passing through Ath where wildly enthusiastic citizens thronged around us to hang wreaths of flowers around the horses necks, we proceeded along the Ath-Enghien Road, now rapidly becoming impassable, so densely was it packed with civilians and carts. From time to time messengers had been dispatched to keep touch with the Main Column but the only information received back was to the effect that Troops had passed through the various points before our messengers arrived. To us it appeared to be a race against time to see which would be nearest Germany when "Cease Fire" sounded and it looked to us as if the Main Body was beating us to it.

At 10.55 we halted and dismounted in a field on the outskirts of Meslin L'Evesque and to come. Then the Trumpeters waited in silence for eleven o'clock sounded "Cease Fire" and "The Great Adventure" was over. It all seemed very unrealistic and I think very few, if any, of those present, fully grasped the full import of what it really meant. We hear a lot nowadays from eloquent speakers about what thoughts passed through men's minds on Armistice Day 1918, when realization came that the War was ended, but if there were any lofty ones passing through "A" Squadron they were kept very quiet for the only remark I heard was from a well known "grouse" to the effect that "the b—y fighting may be over but eyewash isn't".

After a short rest we mounted

and proceeded slowly to Gibeau, which lay in the line of advance of the main body and we hoped to join up with them there or in the vicinity. To our great surprise we found we were the first British Troops to enter the village since 1914 and we were certainly made most welcome. Horses and men were decked with flowers and we really felt like conquering heroes. Just as we had finished feeding and watering a message was dropped from an aeroplane to the effect that the Armistice had been signed at eleven o'clock and that we were to return to billets. In view of the state of the horses and the lateness of the hour, we decided to spend the night at Gibeau and move off at an early hour the following morning on our return journey. On stating our intention to the Cure, the whole village was placed at our disposal and I can safely say that every Officer, Man and horse had a wonderfully comfortable night. We said "Au Revoir" to our hosts the following morning and made the return trip in a little over four hours. Our reception was not any too enthusiastic as we found that the rest of the Regiment had hardly moved forward at all but when later on the Brigadier found that we were the furthest advanced troops on the British Front when "Cease Fire" sounded he did not hesitate to make much of it. R. B. N.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

An underwriter is a man who buries you.

B. Sc.: Boy Scout.

Alias—means—being some one else when you know you're not.

"Boston Tea Party", The Massachusetts of Boston boarded the ship and threw the tea into the water.

Singapore, is famous for the naval Base which the Government decided not to have.

Hery VIII, had six wives all together.

The Spartans, are things that Scotch people wear.

When the Spanish Armada came, Drake was determined to finish batting or bowling, I cannot remember which.

The Boundary Commission has to do with Test Matches.

The Old World is where we live now, the New World where we go when we die.

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The R.C.R.'s. are by no means strangers to St. Johns, Que., as a matter of fact we might say they were doing a "prodigal son" stunt and returning home. The Royal Canadian Regiment first occupied these barracks in 1884, when they were taken over by "B" Coy. of the Infantry School Corps; they remained in possession until May 1906 when the barracks were occupied by "A" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, who were transferred from Toronto, May 15th, 1906. "A" Squadron, R.C.D. was quartered here until 1914 when they left for Valcartier on mobilization.

During the war the barracks were occupied by various units, amongst which were the 22nd Battalion, the 78th Battalion, the Polish troops and during the latter period of the war the Engineer Training Depot. On January 16th, 1920, "A" Squadron once more returned to their happy hunting grounds at St. Johns, and were in the words of S/Sgt. Nobby Ellis' song, standing at the gate welcoming them in.—when "D" Coy. The R.C.R. arrived on October 25th, 1924.

The following are the personnel of "D" Coy. The Royal Canadian Regiment:—

Major A. H. W. Landon, O.B.E., M.C.
Major H. L. N. Salmon, M.C.
Capt. W. J. Home, M.C.
C.Q.M.S. W. J. Rowbottom (Command Montreal).
Sgt. J. H. Bazley.
Sgt. S. Raynar, M.M.
O/R Sgt. E. Sarrasin.
Sgt. P. Godon.
A/Sgt. J. W. Baxter.
Cpl. G. Bert.
Cpl. J. Davidson.
L/Cpl. O. Battle.
Pte. J. A. Bariteau.
" J. C. Bark.
" F. Berry.
" R. Blais.
" H. Bond.
" A. Carriere.
" J. Chapman.
" F. T. Chesley.
" W. M. Cunningham.
" A. Davis.
" J. G. Francoeur.
" D. K. Hendry.



RED LETTER DAY IN HISTORY.

The R.C.R. Arrive at The Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, P.Q.

" A. E. Melush.
" J. McClelland.
" D. McTean.
" F. O'Flynn.
" T. Parker.
" W. F. Parker.
" W. B. Robertson.
" F. Sheppard.
" G. Sinclair.
" G. Villeneuve.

DANCE AT THE BARRACKS.

On Monday evening, Nov. 10th, the N.C.O's and Men opened the season by entertaining their friends at a dance in the Gymnasium. The room was very tastefully decorated with the Regimental colours of both the Royal Canadian Dragoons and the Royal Canadian Regiment, the walls being decorated with crossed swords, rifles and bayonets. A large crowd attended, as a matter of fact, too large for the size of the hall, during the dance the couples could not avoid bumping. It might be a good idea

if the invitations were restricted on future occasions. Jollity and good cheer marked the success of the dance and all enjoyed the Jazzy syncopations furnished by the new and augmented Barracks Orchestra, which consisted of the following members:—Piano, Mrs. Swarbrick; saxophone, Trooper Harrington and Pte. Bark, R.C.R. violin, Trooper Teece and Master J. Barraclough; trombone, Tpr. Dooley; mandolin, Tpr. Wheeler; drums, Trooper Ross, assisted by a new recruit, Trooper Ellis. The committee did everything to add to the entertainment and with a good floor and catchy music, the dancers found nothing lacking to their enjoyment. The usual refreshments were served at 11.00 p.m., and afterwards dancing continued into the early morning hours, when, finally, everyone wended their way homewards, satisfied with a splendid evening's entertainment, and looking forward to the next dance, which it is hoped will be held in the near future.

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Personal & Regimental

Major F. Sawers, M.C. has been taken on the strength of "A" Squadron, on transfer from "B" Sqn, Toronto. All ranks of "A" Sqn. are pleased to have him with them. Major Sawers served as a Lieutenant with "A" Sqn. for some time while the Regiment was in France.

Col. and Mrs. Walker Bell, arrived from England on the 7th inst. Col. Bell will immediately take over command of the Regiment, to which appointment he was gazetted on October 1st.

Brig. Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C. B., C.M.G., made his annual inspection of the Cavalry Barracks on Nov. 6th. He was accompanied by Lt. Col. K. M. Perry, D.S.O., Col. H. Chasse, D.S.O., M.C., and Major W. Neilson, D.S.O. The morning was spent in inspecting "A" Sqn. on their mounted parade and "D" Coy. The R.C.R. and afterwards visiting the various Garrison Institutes, barrack rooms and stables. In the afternoon a dismounted parade of the garrison was held at which the General presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to S.M. J. Mountford, R. C. D. and S/Sgt. W. Ellis, R.C.D., also war medals to Troopers Lawrence and Woods.

General Armstrong, in his address, expressed himself as being very pleased with the result of the inspection and remarked that the smart appearance of the men was most creditable in view of the fact that the majority were recruits.

The General completed his inspection by visiting the Military Hospital.

Major C. E. Connolly, D.S.O., has been promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel and has taken over command of the Lord Strathcona Horse (R.C.) Vice Lt. Col. D. J. MacDonald, D.S.O., M.C., who has been appointed G.S.O. of M.D. No. 12, Regina.

On Sunday, November 9th, a Church Parade of the troops in the Station was held in St. James' Church, the occasion being an Armistice Service, it was also the occasion of the introduction of the new rector, Rev. Saunders-Jones, B.A., who has taken over the duties of the Rev. A. H. Moore, M.A., who recently went to Halifax to take the post of President of the University of King's College. The ceremony was very impressive, the Rev. Saunders-Jones delivered a sermon which was par-

ticularly appropriate on the occasion. A special hymn — "The Supreme Sacrifice" was sung, followed by the Trumpeters of the Royal Canadian Dragoons sounding the 'Last Post' then was observed one minute of silence at the conclusion of which the Trumpets sounded the stirring strains of the cavalry "Reveille".

On the 11th. November the garrison formed up in line on the Barrack Square facing the Memorial Clock and Tablet which was unveiled on Nov. 23rd. 1921, by Major General J. H. McBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Chief of the General Staff and formerly an officer of the Regiment.

The parade consisted of "A" Squadron, R.C.D., "D" Coy, The R.C.R., and also representatives from the Royal Canadian Engineers, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, and Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, the parade was under the command of Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., R.C.D.

At two minutes to 11 a.m. the parade was called to attention. The Trumpeters sounding "Last Post," the Silence lasted until the sound of the bell in the Memorial Clock could be heard tolling the hour. When the Trumpets sounded "Reveille" it was a most impressive sight, the troops standing steady as if carved out of stone with every eye gazing towards the memorial, which, had a wreath of poppies hanging from it, the tense expression on the faces of all showed that their thoughts were of the comrades who had paid the supreme Sacrifice on the fields of France and Flanders.

In spite of the adverse weather, conditions experienced during the Annual Musketry Course at Pointe aux Trembles this year "A" Sqn. succeeded in making nine Marks-men.

Sgt. W. Kevins, R.C.A.S.C. has been permanently attached to this Station. Arm. S/Sgt. W. Lepage, R.C.O.C., has been with us for several days making the annual inspection of arms.

During his recent visit to London the Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence, placed a wreath on the Cenotaph, several Canadian officers who were on duty in England at the time, including Lieut. Col. Walker Bell, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons, were present at the ceremony.

The Rev. Father Poirier, of Montreal, who has been the

"Padre" of "D" Coy. The R.C.R. for the past four years, paid a short visit to Barracks on Wednesday last.

Ex-Shoeing Smith Jock Wright is to be united in wedlock to Miss Sophia Elizabeth Harper, on November 29th. The ceremony will take place at Watervliet, N.Y., U.S.A.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Why did S/Sgt. "Nobby" Ellis, knock off his head-dress when he tried to give Gen. Armstrong a snappy salute, on the occasion of the presentation of his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal?

Were Capt. Grant's brown boots in the shoemaker's shop on the day of the General's inspection?

During the inspection of the canteen Col. Chasse remarked on the multitudinous articles on display, and asked Sgt. W. Hargreaves if he kept any 'White Elephants' in stock. Old Bill naively replied, "I am sorry sir, not to-day, I have ordered some and I expect them in to-morrow."

Have the White Elephants arrived Bill?

Major Stethem recently purchased a new Saxophone. The gallant Major left the store carrying that instrument of torture under his arm. Mrs. S—— asked what he was carrying. The major replied a new saxophone. "What on earth did you buy that for", was the next question, \$50.00 replied the Major.

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Capt. J. Lindsay Smeaton, formerly of the Regiment, now with the Victoria Rifles of Canada, has been presented with the King's Medal "for long service in the Colonial Auxiliary Forces," which means service for 20 years or more with the non-permanent forces. We now realize why such a young looking man as Capt. Smeaton never visits the hair-dresser.

Major General J. E. B. Seely, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who commanded the Canadian Cavalry Brigade in France, was defeated in the recent elections in England by his Conservative opponent, Capt. P. Drummond Macdonald, a grand-nephew of Sir John A. Macdonald, former Premier of Canada, by a majority of 5,402 votes. It must be some satisfaction to our old commander that, at least, he was defeated by a Canadian.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Drury, formerly of Boston, Mass., have come to Montreal to reside and have taken up their residence at 23, Redpath Court, Redpath Street. Mr. G. C. Drury was Capt. and Paymaster with the Regiment overseas.

Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, who was also with our brigade as A.D.C. to General Seely, was returned unopposed as the Liberal representative for Caithness and Sutherland.

Previous to Sgt. A. E. Merrix leaving the service he smoked a very old clay pipe during his moments of leisure in the Sergeants' Mess. The members strongly objected. So on "Pete's" departure he was presented with a case of pipes and a tobacco pouch to use in the more refined atmosphere of civilian life and bring back visions in the smoke, of his comrades, who were sorry to see him go.

The following is an extract from a letter received by Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., from Sgt. A. E. Merrix, who recently retired on pension from the Regiment, in acknowledgement of the presentation of a handsome smoking cabinet, presented to him by the officers of the Regiment in appreciation of his long and faithful service and his exemplary character while in the service:—"I have received the handsome present, from Mappin & Webb, presented to me by yourself and

the officers of the Regiment. Words cannot express the pleasure I felt for your kind thoughts and wishes, and I can assure you, sir, that it will be greatly appreciated by me in future years to come, and remind me of the happy years I have spent in the Regiment."

Sgt. E. A. Merrix now resides at 176 Darling Street, Brantford, Ont.

We have also had a letter from ex-Sgt. A. F. Goodall who left us a year ago, renewing his subscription to "The Goat." He resides at 106 Kendall Road, Colchester, Essex, England.

"VALE."

The Regiment has lost another landmark in the person of Cpl. E. W. Hare, "B" Sqn., who left the service this month. All ranks regret his leaving; he was liked by all and was a rare type of a fine old soldier. His service totals over 30 years and his character throughout the whole period was exemplary. He holds the following medals:—South Africa (Queen's); 1914-1915 star; British War Medal; Victory Medal, and Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. His record of service being:—

The Royal Canadian Regiment, 21-2-94 to 18-3-01.

South African Constabulary, 20-3-01 to 3-12-07.

The Royal Canadian Regiment, 2-7-08 to 1-7-11.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons, 1-8-11 to 31-10-24.

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Toronto Memorial.

This tablet, erected over the Main Gate at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, was unveiled on May 21st, 1921, by the Duke of Devonshire, then Governor-General of the Dominion, who made the following address:—

"These men sacrificed everything for the sole purpose of de-

fending the Empire from the greatest menace that ever overhung it. This memorial will stand as a token of affection, admiration and regard, for all time to come. More important than that, it will serve as a reminder to all generations of what these men did to render civilization

free and to preserve the liberty of the world. This memorial will stand as a symbol of the action and part we took in our generation and if ever civilization be again subjected to such a trial, it will serve as an inspiration to those who follow us."

H. Q. and "B" Sqn, Notes.

At the Niagara-on-the-Lake Fall Fair held on 20th September, 1924, the Royal Canadian Dragoons put on a two-hour show, including sports of various kinds, a Musical Ride and the Circus. In the Officers' Jumping, Lt. Col. Gilman, D.S.O., won, with Lieut. Chadwick second. In the Old Fort Steeplechase, Lt.-Col. Gilman won on Lt.-Col. Bell's Joey; Lieut. Chadwick was second on Apple of Sodom with Major Timmis third on Remount 84.

It rained all the afternoon, but this did not seem to dampen the ardour of the contestants, performers and the spectators.

The Musical Ride and the Circus were very popular as usual.

Results of the other events:—
Bareback Wrestling—1st, 1st Troop Team; 2nd, 4th Troop Team.

Alarm Race—1st, Tpr. Cullinan; 2nd, Tpr. McGrath; 3rd, Tpr. Lamb.

V.C. Race—1st, Cpl. Blake; 2nd, Tpr. Cullinan; 3rd, Tpr. Morgan.

Balaclava Melee—1st, 3rd Troop Team; 2nd, 4th Troop Team.

N.C.O's and Men's Jumping—1st, Sgt. Sayger; 2nd, Sgt. Tamlyn; 3rd, Cpl. McKeown.

Two-Chums' Race—1st, Tprs. Treadwell and Cullinan; 2nd, L/Cpl. Edgell and Tpr. Steadman; 3rd, Tprs. Murdock and Morgan.

Regt'l H.Q. and "B" Squadron returned from its Summer Vacation at Niagara Camp on the 21st and 22nd of September, and by remarks heard no one was sorry.

At the Annual Musketry of "B" Squadron held at Niagara Camp this year the following Officers, W.O's, N.C.O's and men qualified as Marksmen:—

Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O.
Capt. & Bt. Major W. Baty.
Lieut. & Bt. Capt. S. C. Bate.
S.S.M. J. Copeland, D.C.M.
F.Q.M.S. P. L. Hogan.
Sgt. C. Sayger.
Sgt. W. G. Tamlyn.
Sgt. A. Buell.
Sgt. E. Taylor.
Sgt. F. Sturgess.
Sgt. E. J. Manning.
Cpl. G. C. Simpkin.
Cpl. F. W. Harding.
L/Cpl. E. W. McKeown, M.M.
L/Cpl. R. J. Hider.
Tpr. E. Taylor.
Tpr. R. E. Probert.
Tpr. G. Gill.

Royal Winter Fair.

All ranks at Stanley Barracks are delighted to hear that "A" Squadron are sending a team to participate at the Winter Fair.

"B" Squadron are busily preparing for the coming Fair—schooling horses and rehearsing a new Musical Ride.

Colonel Bell sailed from England on 31st October on the Mont Laurier. Sgt. Doran also left England on the same date.

The first dance of the season at Stanley Barracks was held in the Gymnasium on Friday, October 31st. It was a Masquerade Dance and everyone enjoyed themselves. A new hardwood floor was laid in the Gym. during the summer and the "Sheiks" of the Barracks commented very much on the improvement it made (not sure whether they meant to the building or to their dancing).

A/Cpl. E. W. (Teddy) Hare was discharged to pension on 31st October, and all ranks wish him the best of luck on his entering civilian life.

Wanted—A Recipe.

One of the members of the Station Sgts. Dining Mess is desirous

of having "Girdle Cakes" served. As the cook has not heard of Girdle Cakes can someone forward us the recipe.

"Armistice Day" was observed in Stanley Barracks by the Garrison stationed in Toronto. The parade formed up at 10.45 a.m. in front of the R.C.D. Memorial Tablet under the command of Colonel Commandant A. H. Borden, D.S.O., D.O.C. M.D. No. 2. After the hymn "O Valiant Hearts, etc." was sung, Captain the Rev. J. R. MacLean said the prayers and gave a short address. The two minutes silence was observed by all ranks. A wreath was then placed on the Memorial Tablet and the General Salute was given to those who had fallen in the Great War.

After the service was concluded the District Officer Commanding and his staff retired to the Exhibition Grounds, where a March Past was held, the units parading in the following order:—

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Royal Canadian Engineers.
Royal Canadian Regiment.
Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.
Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps.
Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps.
Corps of Military Staff Clerks.

A public service was held in front of the City Hall. As soon as the tower pealed forth 12.00 noon, the band of the Queen's Own Rifles played the National Anthem. The service commenced with the singing of the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past". The service was presided over by Mayor Hiltz and Col. Rev. Canon F. G. Scott, of Quebec, who was the senior chaplain with the C.E. F. overseas, delivered the address.

The Cenotaph erected in front of the City Hall was one mass of flowers placed there in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the late war.

Other services were held, one at the University of Toronto and one at Christie Street Hospital.

THE SMOKING CONCERT.

Perhaps the most enjoyable Smoking Concert ever held in this Station took place on the night of October 24th. The object of the function was to "bring together" the newly joined re-

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cruits and the older soldiers, who have so ably "stood by" and assisted the Squadron through the late period of trying stress—or shall we call it distress. In the absence of the Commanding Officer, Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., Major Roy Nordheimer, M.C., addressed the gathering. To the recruits, he pointed out the advantages of soldiering in St. Johns, drawing a very happy comparison between St. Johns and other less fortunate stations. He expressed the thanks of the officers to those men who had "stood by" the Squadron, and in conclusion, hoped that the Squadron would soon weld into a harmonious whole.

S.S.M. Smith replied in a brief and well chosen address.

The concert then "got going" with a vengeance, the majority of the artists being new, their efforts were highly appreciated. Trooper Dooley, having given his encore, had to be requested to vacate the stage, he, thereupon, challenged the whole blooming works, individually or collectively. Of course he took advantage of his "massive" build. Sgt. Major Smith sang a song. We could not hear its name or any single word of it, but he received vociferous applause, when he kindly

desisted from further efforts.

It would be impossible to enumerate the merits of each and every performer, but the programme given hereunder will give some idea of their artistic merits:—

Song—"She must be a wonderful girl"—Tpr. Jewkes.

Song—"I fear no Foe"—Tpr. Dooley; "The Galloping Major."

Song—"Oh! to be in Jerusalem"—Sgt. Barraclough.

Recitation—"Ginger Bill"—Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson.

Sketch Artist—Various—Tpr. Dusseault.

Monologue—"Magazines I've seen"—Cpl. Bentley.

Song—"The only horse I think that I could manage"—F-S/Sgt. Hill.

Song—"The Mountains of Mourne"—Cpl. Sargent.

Spanish Dance—Special—Tprs. Manning and Cowling.

Song—"My Old Stable Jacket"—Major Stethem.

Song—"The English, the Irish and the Scotch"—Mr. Matty Ford.

Song—"There's nothing really new"—S/Sgt. Ellis.

Recitation—"Dangerous Dan McGrew"—L/Cpl. Cassidy.

Here and There.

In the campaign for the recent Elections in England, General J. E. B. Seely, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who commanded the Canadian Cavalry Brigade in the Great War; dropped a bomb into the ranks of the Labourites, when he made a statement that the German breach of the British lines on March 21st, 1918 which cost thousands of British soldiers' lives, was indirectly if not directly, successful through the machinations of Communist and Socialist agents; who spread seditious propaganda, in Y.M.C.A. huts and rest camps and among those confined to barracks:—

The statement made by General Seely which has aroused nation wide interest is in part as follows:

"Seditious propaganda played a great part in the success of the German attack on March 19, 1918. What happened was this. For weeks before the attacks agents were going behind the lines telling all those whom they met in the canteen and the Y.M.C.A. huts that this was a wicked capitalist war and all the men had to do was to give up fighting and the war would end. They would always

assure their hearers that soldiers had agreed to do this right and left on a stated day.

"These agents were dressed in various disguises and they made a show of large sums of money. In spite of a greater vigilance of the staff a large number of men remained undetected until the attack came.

"When the attack started on that misty morning on March 21, a number of spies dressed in our uniform went about ordering troops to retire. One dressed as a staff officer actually came up to the officer commanding my batteries and gave a definite order which he alleged came from Divisional Headquarters to retire at once. An officer suspected him and told him he believed him to be a spy whereupon the man ran away in the mist.

"The thing was so cleverly done there were cases where troops actually retired on these false orders. Close behind the lines other spies kept on telling the transports and labor battalions to retreat. It was here that their seditious propaganda bore fruit. Men thought that the thing had happened which had been foretold and the greatest confusion ensued.

"I have not the least doubt that the seditious propaganda, and the cry 'capitalist war' were the direct cause of the deaths of thousands of brave and loyal British soldiers during those days."

With reference to the above, the following letter appeared in the Montreal Daily Star, October 30th, 1924:—

At The Battle of Picardy.

The Editor, Montreal Daily Star:

Sir,—In regard to General Seely's charges of desertion, etc., during the battle of Picardy, I wish to say that there were at least two occasions on which the front line troops retired without reason. In each case of which I speak the Canadian Cavalry Brigade were sent to replace them. The Royal Canadian Dragoons made one gallant charge to retake lost ground. The retiring troops were the Devons but that particular battalion should never have been put in the line. They appeared to be mere boys and were by no means fully trained. General Seely rode amongst them, trying to rally the regiment at great risk to himself, but could not succeed. Agitators and St. Quentin, and no doubt had

had been at work between Peronne made an impression on the younger troops. I enclose my card.
C. M. G. S.

On October 21st, Trafalgar Day was celebrated in Montreal, many beautiful wreaths were placed at the foot of Nelson's Monument on Jacques Cartier Square; this column is the oldest monument to Nelson, in the world. This day was the 119th anniversary of the day on which the historic signal:—"England expects that every man, this day will do his duty," first fluttered in the breeze as the British fleet met and overwhelmed the combined French and Spanish fleets off the Spanish coast.

"Shelving" a Saint.

For over three centuries a certain Brazilian regiment has been under the patronage of Saint Anthony, who was appointed its honorary colonel to commemorate an action in which the regiment distinguished itself. The salary attached to the rank was paid to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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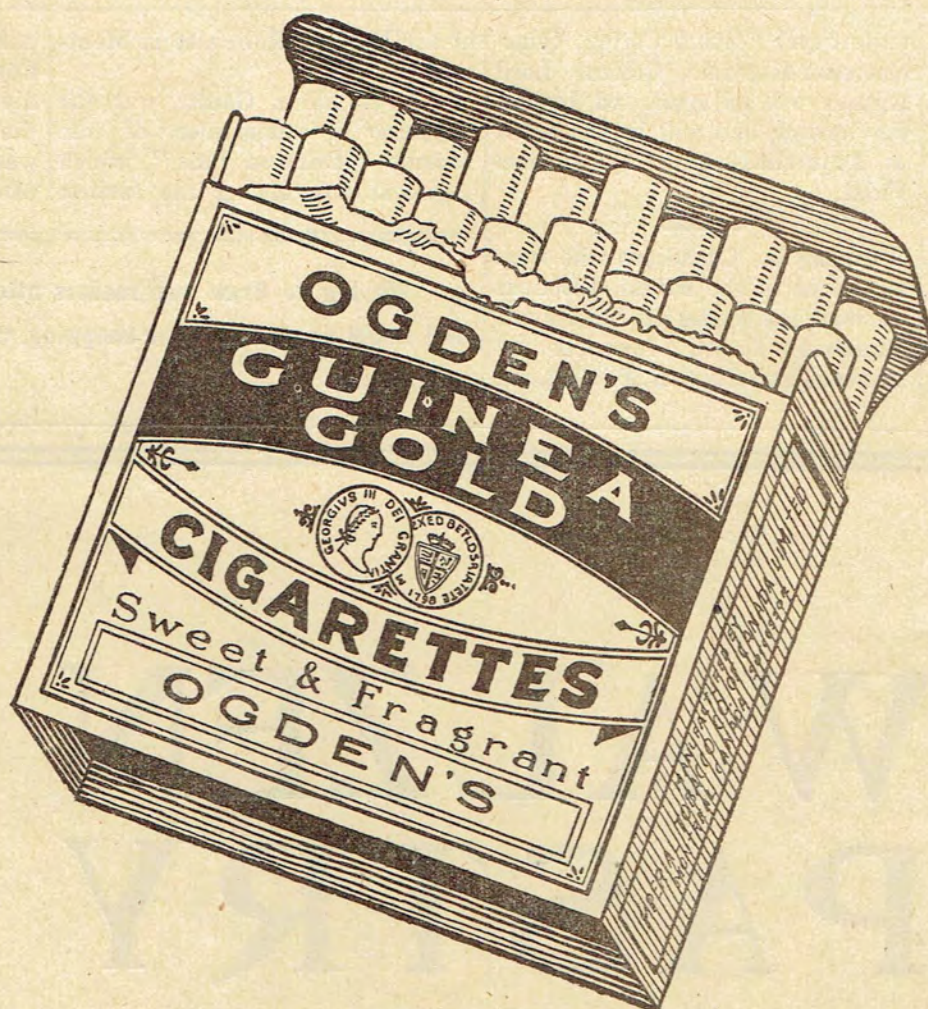
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and has come to the conclusion that it is time that the appointment and the salary should cease. But the economy had to be effected decently, and in order, so the following communique was issued and has been causing much amusement in Brazil:

"Colonel Saint Anthony, of Padua, of the — Regiment, having completed three centuries of service, is now gazetted General and placed on the retired list."

Twenty Years Ago

(From The Star Files, Saturday, October 29, 1904.)

Ottawa.— An Order-in-Council has been passed authorizing the issue of a proclamation bringing the amended Militia Act into force on November 1. This act, it will be remembered, abolished the office of General Officer Commanding and provided for the creation of a military council to give advice to the Minister of Militia. The Military Council will not be appointed until the return to Ottawa after the elections of Sir Frederick Borden. On his return Sir Frederick will authorize an exchange of titles between Colonel Macdonald, Master of Ord-

nances and Colonel Cotton, Quartermaster-General. Colonel Lord Aylmer will be appointed Inspector-General, and will be succeeded as Adjutant-General by Colonel Vidal.

Among the Canadians who were victorious in the British Elections we read the names of Lt. Col. A. Hamilton Gault, formerly of Montreal and Capt. R. P. Holt, son

of Sir Herbert Holt, also of Montreal.

Col. Hamilton Gault was the organizer or commander of the famous "Princess Pats," which regiment was among the earliest

participants in the war. He is a Conservative and won the Taunton division of Somersetshire from the Liberals. Capt. R. P. Holt was the victorious Conservative candidate in West Ham.



Musketry Under Difficulties, Pointe aux Trembles, 1924.

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No Church Parade.—Strong efforts were made by the staff at Military District No. 3, to have a garrison church parade this fall at Ottawa. At the 38th Ottawa Regiment had one of their own at a previous date and as the other units were not very keen on the matter, the service did not materialize. The new regulation calling for the production of all equipment at inspection by Ordnance officers was in no small degree responsible for the parade not being held.

The Visit of the Prince.—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited Ottawa from the 16th to the 19th of October. No military duties were called for and the majority of the officers of headquarters and the garrison were present either at the reception on the 16th or the dance on the 17th, both of which events took place at Rideau Hall.

Back in Town:—Major J. P. Archambault, D.S.O., Royal 22nd Regiment A.D.C., to the Governor General was in town during the visit of the Prince of Wales.

Staff Course Regulations.—A new departure of the regulations for the Militia Staff course allows those who have failed in the theoretical portion to take supplementary examinations. An officer who failed in one subject is permitted to take the examination in that subject at the conclusion of the next years course. If he fails in more than one subject, however, he must take all the written examinations again before taking the practical portion.

Garrison Sports.—The Ottawa Garrison Athletic Commission have drawn up a schedule for indoor baseball for the fall and early part of the winter. The hockey schedule will be drawn up at a later date.

Won Merritt Cup.—It has been announced that the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards have won the Merritt Cup, presented by the Canadian Cavalry Association. The only other unit which competed this year was the 17th D.Y.R.C.H. The winning team was composed of Captain H. N. Bate, Lieuts. H. R. T. Gill, M. D. Williams and Drummond Code. While the P.L.D.G. are naturally pleased to win the silverware it would have been much more interesting if other units of the cavalry had entered teams. The cup was first present-

ed to the association by the late Colonel William Hamilton Merritt of Toronto. The G.G.B.G., won it last in 1914. This was the first time that the cup was competed for since the war.

Visited Ottawa.—I was glad to have had the pleasure of extending a welcome on behalf of the Plumbers Union to Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O. on his visit to our fair city the latter part of last month. Major Frank Sawers M.C., also gave the girls a treat for a day or two on his way from Toronto to St. Johns.

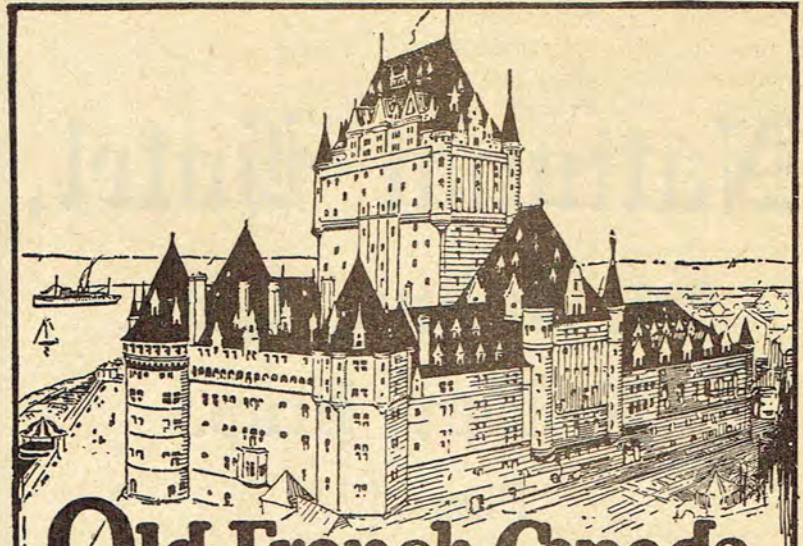
Takes over Duties.—Lieut. Col. C. H. Hill, D.S.O., A.D.C., R.C.R., has arrived to take over the duties of Director of Personal Services at Headquarters, replacing Colonel W. W. P. Gibsons, C.M.G., D.S.O., who goes to Calgary to command the district. Colonel Hill joined the R.C.R. Dec. 25, 1901 and has served with the regiment ever since with the exception of a period from 22nd December to 19th April 1916 when he served as G.S.O.3., for the 2nd Canadian Division C.E.F.

Box Social.—The Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the Ottawa Garrison were the hosts at an enjoyable box social on the evening of the 24th October. The event was held in the Artillery quarters of the 1st Brigade C.F.A., and cards and dancing were indulged in until a early hour the next day.

Went to Toronto.—Lieut. Col. W. E. Walker, D.S.O., M.C., Commandant Canadian Small Arms School attended the Machine Gun dinner at Toronto on the 25th October. He reports that the dry wave that swept over the province a couple of days before made no difference as far as he was able to ascertain.

Welcome Timmy.—Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., was in Ottawa the latter part of October arranging for a show to be put on by B. Squadron circus at the Ottawa Winter Fair. Timmy promises several new and hitherto unknown stunts for the event.

For R.M.C.—It is announced that the 21st battalion Cross which has been returned from France after having been replaced by a permanent memorial will, by the approval of the commandant be placed in the grounds at the Royal Military College during November. The site which has been selected is near that on which was



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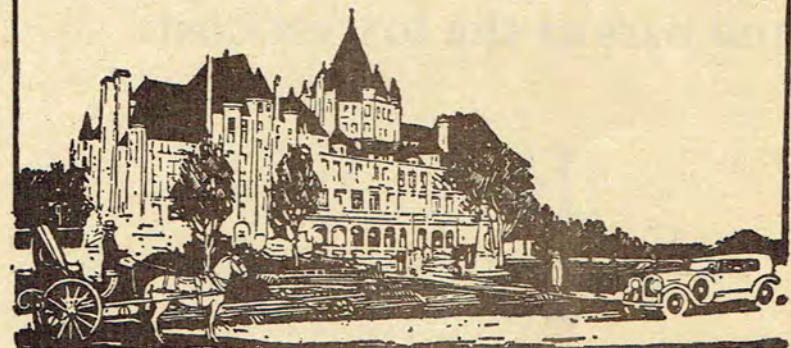
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erected the Cross of the 13th battalion, Royal Highlanders.

Will Hold Ball.—The Officer Commanding and Officers of the Hull Regiment have issued invitations for a ball to be held in the Hotel de Ville, Hull on the 20th instant.

Club Still on Deck.—After the fatal 23rd of October the members of the Over and Back Club renewed their vows of fealty to that organization.

Inspection of Equipment.—The regiments of the Ottawa garrison are now in the midst of their annual inspection of clothing and equipment. The inspection are being conducted by Lieut. Colonel A. H. Henderson, R.C.O.C.

At Peterboro.—The theoretical portion of the Militia Staff Course in M.D.3, is being held this year at Peterboro. Lieut. Col. R. J. Brook D.S.O., General Staff Officer of the district is conducting the course.

In the Bush.—Billy Maxwell who had that swell bay team in the regimental transport during the war, and who is now a lieutenant on the Ottawa Fire Department, is at his shooting lodge at Thirty One Mile Lake and trying his luck with the big antlered fellows. His friends here are wetting their lips in anticipation of some choice steaks. Last year the score was zero to nothing in favor of the bucks. Colonel John R. Munro commanding the 2nd Mounted Brigade is also in the big sticks and his pals at Ottawa have fond hopes that the old man's eye has not dimmed. He is to the northwest of Wakefield.

At Rideau Hall.—Captain C. S. Price-Davies, M.C., King's Royal Rifle Corps has arrived at Rideau Hall to take over his duties as A.D.C., to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Jimmy Was Here Too.—Captain T. A. James, R.C.D., spent the best part of the first week in November in Ottawa on duty at Headquarters.

Armistice Celebrations.—The celebration of the signing of the Armistice was held in Ottawa on Sunday the 9th instant. Over 4,000 veterans paraded to Parliament Hill where a service was held in commemoration. His Excellency The Governor General and a large number of the Cabinet attended. Numerous wreaths were placed on the cenotaph and pipers

from the 38th Royal Ottawa Regiment played a lament. Six non-commissioned officers of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, in review order, acted as a guard of honor on the steps leading up to the Cross of Sacrifice. Over 15,000 people crowded Parliament Hill to witness the ceremony. During the afternoon a plane in charge of Flight Lieutenant McEwan R.C.A.F. flew over and dropped poppies at the base of the Cross.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES SERGEANTS' MESS ANNUAL SHOOT.

The presentation of the prizes for the Station Sergeants' Mess Annual Shoot took place on the evening of October 25th. A cordial invitation was extended to all the tradesmen in the city, who kindly contributed to the prize list, to be present.

The prizes were numerous and valuable, particularly those donated by Messrs. J. R. Gaunt & Son, Messrs. Mappin & Webb, who donated Cups; Messrs. Henry Birks & Sons, who donated their Bronze Medal, and the National Breweries, who presented the Dow Cup for annual competition in the Rapid Fire Match.

The Mess assembled at 8.00 p.m. the gathering also included the honorary members, S.M. J. Mountford, R.C.D., took the chair and the usual programme was carried out. Benoit & Co., the local agents of the National Breweries, kindly donated three cases of Dow's Special; this gift went a long way towards making the evening a howling success; songs were sung and stories told until 10.00 p.m., when Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., accompanied by Major Roy Nordheimer, M.C., arrived to present the prizes.

The prizes had been laid out on the billiard table for view of the guests; Q.M.S.I. R. J. Brown, R.C.D., read out the names of the prize winners; Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle, R.C.D., handed the prizes to Major Bowie, who handed them to the recipients with a few well chosen remarks as to their shooting abilities. At the conclusion of the presentation, the usual complimentary speeches were made and just before the officers left the whole Mess joined in singing "They are jolly good fellows". Then everybody settled down to have a real good time, such as our less fortunate comrades in other provinces dream about; lunch was served and the jollification lasted until the "wee sma hours." The following is the list of

prizes, with the names of the donors, presented for the highest aggregate scores at 200, 500, 600 yards:—

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Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle, R.C.D., order. \$5—A. G. Spalding & Bros.

S/Sgt. W. Ellis, R.C.D., case of Boswell's Ale—C.P.R. Hotel.

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A/Sgt. E. Barraclough, R.C.D., tobacco pouch—Hebert.

Sgt. D. Gardner, R.C.D., box 200 cigarettes—Troy Laundry.

S.M.A. J. Mountford, R.C.D., case of goods—Windsor Canning Co.

Sgt. R. Davis, R.C.D., \$2.50 gold piece—Dr. A. Gervais.

Q.M.S. A. Mauchan, R.C.E., camera—Giroux & Poulin.

Sgt. R. Harris, R.C.D., two cases Frontenac Ale—Frontenac Brewery.

Sgt. A. Neeves, R.C.D., box of cigars—Canada Hotel.

S/Sgt. C. Hill, R.C.D., box of cigars—L. D. Trudeau.

Sgt. W. Barker, R.C.D., fruit dish—J. P. Meunier.

Sgt. W. Campbell, M.M., R.C.D., box of cigars—A. Richard.

S.S.M. C. W. Smith, R.C.D., box of cigars—National Hotel.

Rapid Fire Match.

Q.M.S.I. R. J. Brown, R.C.D., the Dow Cup—The National Breweries; and \$5, Geo. St. Germain.

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Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell, R.C.D., 5 lbs. tobacco—H. Fortier Co.

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Sgt. T. B. Sheehy, box of cigars

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Athletics.

"A" Squadron will again be represented at the Royal Winter Fair which is being held at Toronto from Nov. 18th till Nov. 26th. The party left St. Johns on the 16th inst. and consisted of Captain D. A. Grant, M.C., Lieut. L. D. Hammond, Cpls. Gilmore, Stanyar and Greene, L/Cpl. McKerrall, and Tprs. Clark and Cross; accompanied by our well known "long faced" performers "Mickie", "Polly", "Billie", "Dolly", "Witchcraft", "Fanny", "Brick Dust", "Lady E." and "Jorrocks".

During their stay in Toronto the party will be quartered at Stanley Barracks.

The annual Road Race will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. This event will be especially interesting this year owing to the fact that a team will be entered by "D" Coy. The R.C.R.

For the first time in the history of the Intercollegiate Harrier Meet, the event was won this year by the Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston.

The annual meeting of the St. Johns City Hockey League was held during the first week in November. Mr. L. Hebert was re-elected President, and all of last year's teams were represented by delegates who got down to business in a manner which promises well for another successful season. The Champlains, Singer and Knights of Columbus will be represented as usual; owing to the fact that "D" Coy. The Royal Canadian Regiment are now also stationed at St. Johns, the "A" Sqn. Royal Canadian Dragoons team will be withdrawn from the league and replaced by a representative team from the Garrison.

playing under a name which has not yet been decided upon. A new team, The Elks, have been admitted, thus forming a five team league.

The prospects of a strong team representing the Garrison are very rosy, regular players still with us from last year's "A" Sqn. team include Major Nordheimer, Captain Drury, Cpl. Stanyar and L/Cpl. McKerrall, whilst "D" Coy. have with them Captain Home, Godin, Blais and Bert. Both units also have a large number of recruits amongst whom we hope to discover some new material.

With the coming of the cool weather the gym. is becoming a popular place during the afternoons and evenings, The R.C.R. are very keen on basketball and have the makings of a good team. Badminton has also been introduced and should become as popular here as in other Garrison Towns.

POPPY DAY FUNDS.

The 11th day of November, Armistice Day, is often in veterans circles, referred to as Poppy Day. The Poppy, immortalized by the late Col. McCrae, has become a national emblem. It is worn on Armistice Day by all patriotic citizens, as the outward and visible sign of respect and remembrance, to those who died that we might live.

The Poppies sold on that day are the product of, and form the means of livelihood of a large number of disabled veterans. The profits from the sale of these poppies are meant to be used for one purpose, and one purpose only. That is to alleviate distress amongst returned veterans and their dependants, or the dependants of those who made the su-

preme sacrifice. Up to the present the administration of this fund has been singularly free of adverse criticism. In the past, attempts have been made to divert some of these funds to the payment of office expenses, memorial subscriptions, etc. These proposals met with strenuous opposition, and were eventually dropped. The day may arrive when these funds can be used for some other purpose, but not for some years to come.

Last year, in Toronto, over thirty thousand dollars was realized from the sale of poppies. This money was used to alleviate distress during the winter months. It was administered by the various branches of the G.W.V.A. A prominent citizen was appointed treasurer, and issued cheques for two hundred dollars at a time, to Branch secretaries. Before a further cheque was issued, the previous one had to be satisfactorily accounted for.

R. J. B.

FUZZY—WUZZY

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But a first class fighting man;
An' here's to you, Fuzzy-Wuzzy,
With your 'ayrick 'ead of
'air—

You big, black bound'n' beggar—

For you bruk a British square."

—Barrack Room Ballads.

It is rumored that Osman Digna has been released after 22 years of solitary confinement in a cell at Wady Halfa and is now on a pilgrimage to Mecca, though almost 100 years of age.

For nearly a quarter of a century he has been kept in a cell by himself, guarded day and night by Egyptian soldiers and given

occasional exercise in a compound surrounded by high mud walls.

It was the treachery of his former followers that led to his capture at last in January, 1900. He was in Hiding in the hills near Suakim, waiting for an opportunity to escape across the Red Sea to Arabia, when some sheiks guided the officers to him. He was sent to Rosetta, in Egypt, to join the other dervish prisoners, and remained there to the end of 1902. He was then transferred to the Damietta prison, and subsequently to Wady Halfa, where he has since been residing in an exceedingly mild captivity.

It was at the battle of Tamai, March 13, 1884, that the Fuzzies "broke the British square." The tribesmen, utterly reckless of death, charged an angle of the square in the face of what seemed an annihilating fire. They threw themselves on the bayonets, and used their spears in their death-agony before the bayonets could be withdrawn. They came over the bodies of their own dead, and crawling on hands and knees under the muzzles of the guns, they gained the inside of the square, and stabbed and slashed until one brigade gave way in confusion and its guns were captured. The other brigades closed in, the guns were retaken, and the Arabs were chased far past the scene of their momentary triumph; but they had "crumpled up the square," and the exploit caught the British imagination and put Fuzzy Wuzzy into British literature.

Osman Digna was a formidable foe for many years. He was often officially reported dead, only to bob up again in some inconvenient place from which he must be dislodged with difficulty and loses.

Dora: "So Horace is engaged, is he? And is Clara the bride-to-be?"
Dulcie: "No; she is the tried-to-be

Japan and the United States of America.

By Major A. C. Alford, R.A.
(Retired)

PART II

After the insurrection had been suppressed, the Japanese informed the Chinese Government that they were withdrawing their troops, and requested the Chinese to do the same. The latter, however, not only refused, but began to send reinforcements into Korea. The Japanese then pointed out that this was a violation of the treaty safeguarding the independence of Korea, but the Chinese Government turned a deaf ear to this protest, and matters were brought to a head when some Chinese war vessels, conveying a transport, fired upon three Japanese cruisers. Obviously, no other course but a declaration of war was possible unless Japan were to acknowledge the absolute supremacy of China and allow herself to fall back into a position of complete isolation and national extinction.

By the Treaty of Peace, signed on the 17th of April, 1895, the Island of Formosa and the Pescadores were ceded to Japan, the independence of Korea (but with a Japanese Governor-General installed at Seoul) was again declared, and a large portion of southern Manchuria, including the important port of Port Arthur (besieged and captured by the Japanese Armies during the war), was added to the Japanese Empire.

But now the three Powers, Russia, France and Germany, stepped in and politely (i.e. diplomatically), but firmly, informed Japan that her presence in Manchuria was undesirable. Powerless against such a combination, Japan had, perforce, to give way, but when, a few years later, Port Arthur and the Liaotung Peninsula were leased by China to Russia her cup of bitterness must indeed have been full.

It should be realized that the Japanese are a proud nation—some affirm that they are the proudest nation on earth—so that this blow to their prestige was a heavy one, and it is quite easy to understand, therefore, how deeply the insult sank into the hearts and consciousness of the nation.

That the French and Russians were intimately interested in Far Eastern matters the Japanese could understand, but that the Germans, who had little or no in-

terest in China, should stand behind these two, was to them incomprehensible. Although, consequently, they nursed a deep sense of grievance against the Russians for the occupation of Port Arthur, their feeling of anger against the Germans was even greater. It is possible that German policy was dictated by the Kaiser, who was at that time obsessed by the menace of the so-called "Yellow Peril," but, from the Japanese point of view, this was no reasonable excuse.

During the ten years which elapsed between the wars with China and with Russia, two important events occurred in Japanese history. The first, to which reference has already been made, occurred in 1898, when the Russians obtained the lease of Port Arthur and the Liaotung Peninsula. But this was not all, for, two years later, they also obtained leave from China to build a railway through Manchuria, connecting the Trans-Siberian railway system with Port Arthur. The Japanese thus saw the first seeds sown for the growth of Russian influence in Manchuria.

The second event was the signing of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement in 1902, the first act of recognition afforded to Japan by any of the Western Powers. It undoubtedly gave her the moral support she required to be able to face her powerful Western opponent.

As the time drew near to the termination of the lease of the territories which Russia had obtained from China, the Japanese Government opened up negotiations with the Russians regarding the withdrawal of their troops from this area.

The presence of the Russians had been found to be obstructive to Japanese trade relations with Korea, for the Russians, not content with their newly-won position in Manchuria, had begun to exert a very pointed interference in Korean affairs.

Had the Japanese, as seems to be generally believed, intended from the first to carry a war of revenge against Russia, nothing would have been easier for them than to have made a sudden attack upon her as soon as the lease of Port Arthur expired. But the fact that the negotiations dragged on for five and a half months, during which time Russia slowly but substantially increased both sea and land forces, while she met Japan's representations with non-committal answers, half-promises and blank refusals, appears to show that Japan was honestly endeavor-

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ouring to find a way to safeguard her national rights without having recourse to force of arms. The Russians undoubtedly believed that the Japanese were not in a position to fight, and hoped to bluff them into a surrender of their claims and a position of impotence. Had the Japanese Government allowed itself to be dictated to, the work of the past twenty years would have been undone, Japanese prestige in the East would have been shattered, and the young Empire would have fallen back into a position of subservience both to Russia and China.

As in the case with China ten years before, Japan had to choose between war and temporary, if not final, extinction as a Power which could command a fair hearing amongst the nations of the world.

Must it not be conceded, then, that she had no choice but to declare war as she did in February, 1904? The result certainly justified her decision, although she gained little material advantage from the war—Port Arthur and the Liaotung Peninsula, and the southern half of the Island of Saghalien—and emerged in a crippled financial condition. Nevertheless,

her defeat of Russia raised her at once to the rank of a first-class Power, paramount in the East, and to be considered of ever-increasing importance, as the years went by, in the international relationships of the Western Powers.

The preceding paragraphs have presented a very short, and necessarily an incomplete, history of the events that led up to the first two wars in which Japan became involved, but the writer considers that he has put forward sufficient arguments to show that there is at least room for doubt when it is affirmed that the Japanese forced war upon their neighbours for their own self-aggrandizement and the expansion of their Empire. If the benefit of the doubt is given to them, their actions appear perfectly natural and, indeed, born of necessity rather than of love of conquest, while their offensive, martial demeanour, assumes an entirely new aspect.

Let us now consider the position of Japan to-day. In the nine years between the Treaty of Portsmouth, 5th September, 1905, and the outbreak of the Great War in 1914,* Japan was slowly and painfully recovering from the effects of her exhausting struggle with

Russia. In 1910 the Emperor of Korea abdicated, and Korea was formally annexed to the Japanese Empire by a treaty signed on the 29th of August.

*Those who are of a superstitious nature may consider the dates of Japan's three wars as having a special significance:—

China-Japanese War	1894
Russo-Japanese War	1904
World War	1914

and may deduce that the year 1924 will be one of great importance in her history.

(Concluded next month.)

The soldiers marched to the church and halted in the square outside. One wing of the edifice was undergoing repairs, so there was room for only half the regiment.

"Sergeant," ordered the major, "Tell the men who don't want to go to church to fall out."

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